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1. 242. APRIL 20 AHRAM EDITORIALIZED THAT ISRAEL ATTEMPTING CREATE IMPRESSION THERE HAS BEEN CHANGE IN ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS PEACE EFFORTS AND THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND U.S. ON RES. 242 HAVE TO SOME EXTENT BEEN BRIDGED. PAPER DENIES THIS HAS TAKEN UNCLASSIFIED

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PLACE; ISRAEL STILL UNABLE RISE TO LEVEL OF EGYPTIAN PEACE INITIATIVE AND IS REPEATING COMMON CLICHES.
PAPER NOTES ATHERTON COMING TO REGION AND EXPECTED TO CONDUCT "CONTACTS HERE AND THERE", FOLLOWING WHICH STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED THAT EFFORTS CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN PEACE MOMENTUM.-WITH NO REAL OR CONCRETE PROGRESS. WHILE THERE FRESH TALKS ABOUT U.S. PEACE

EFFORTS, ISRAEL IS COMMITTING VIOLATIONS AGAINST PEACE DEMONSTRATING ITS CAPABILITY DEFY USG POLICY. AS EXAMPLE, AHRAM CITES REPORTED RESUMPTION ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES IF U.S. UNABLE TO FORCE ISRAEL CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE "IT IS AT LEAST REQUIRED TO DECLARE THAT THE ISRAELI STANDS ARE UNCHANGED AND THAT ISRAELI POLICY IS STILL INTENT ON PREVARICATION AND DODGING."

2. CARTER PLAN. HODA TEWFIQ IN GUMHURIYYA ALLEGES PRESIDENT CARTER CURRENTLY PREPARING SPEECH ON MIDDLE EAST DEFINING IN DETAIL USG POSITION. ATHERTON AND BRZEZINSKI SAID TO BE ENGAGED IN DRAFTING TEXT AND FORMER'S MISSION THEREFORE "EXPLORATORY". WHILE ATHERTON "WILL CERTAINLY HAVE IDEAS . . . AND WILL REPORT TO PRESIDENT CARTER", WRITER QUOTES HODDING CARTER TO EFFECT THAT ATHERTON WILL NOT BRING TO REGION COMPLETE PLAN. MEMBERS OF VANCE'S PARTY RECENTLY IN CAIRO REPORTEDLY TOLD TEWFIQ THAT ISRAELI CABINET STATEMENT ON RES. 242 SUGGESTS THERE NO CHANGE IN ISRAELI POSITION. NEVERTHELESS, EGYPT WELCOMES AMERICA'S EFFORTS AND EXPECTS USG TO PLAY PRINCIPAL AND TANGIBLE ROLE. EILTS

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